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A COUPLE of pages of side-splitting laughs in tomorrow's Sunday morning Herald—pages every member of the family, and especially the children, will enjoy hugely.

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# The Evening Herald

## STREET CAR COMPANY ASKS FOR SEVEN CENT FARE

### BLUEBEARD LANDRU IS EXECUTED

### Never Wavers and Calls Confession Query an Insult

VERMILLION, Feb. 25.—(UPI)—George Landru, "bluebeard," convicted of the murder of 16 women and one youth, gave his life this morning in exchange for one he had taken. The triangle knife of the gasoline bill at 6:55 o'clock, 25 minutes after the time originally set for the execution, the delay causing many to express the erroneous opinion that Landru was making a confession.

Mysterious until death, Landru responded to Father Lueking's query as to whether he had any confession to make.

"It is an insult to a man like me," was his reply. "Had I any confession to make, I would have made it long ago." But never did he utter the word "confession," as he had failed to give it during his 34 months of incarceration and the 21 days of his trial.

He refused the sacrament but conversed a few moments with the priest.

"I shall be brave, never fear," he told the priest.

Crowds at Jail.

### WRITER OF DEATH LETTERS LIKELY TO ESCAPE PROSECUTION

### Federal Employee at Home Today Caring for Sick Wife

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—George Long, veteran war department clerk and, according to the police, confessed author of the blackmail letters recently received by Henry White, former ambassador to France, and several women prominent in Washington society, was found to the credit of a seriously ill wife and his three children at their home today. He was permitted to return home several minutes earlier than usual because the question was drawn from him at police headquarters yesterday. No complaint had been lodged against him today for sending the letters which demanded large sums of money under threat of death and the police said none would be filed unless those who received the letters showed a disposition to press the case against him.

The authorship of the letters was traced by a peculiarity in the hand writing, police said, and by a water mark used in war department stationery. Long in his confession, according to the police, said, "I don't know why I wrote the letters, but I was anxious to see the children of the city privated me and I thought these rich people might help."

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### President Writing Message of American Merchant Marine

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—President Harding sent a portion of today writing his message to congress on reversion for the American merchant marine.

Chapman Lasater of the shipping board said today, on leave from the white house after a conference with the president that the executive houses to deliver the message Monday.

Philadelphia Firm Falls.

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He walked exactly five steps before the executioner's assistants caught him around the waist and lowered him on the table, which was immediately up ended; the newly weighted knife slid down and the whole affair was over in less than a minute. Landru never faltered from the time he stepped in the door, he says; the instant one look squared his shoulders and walked erect, after which he met his death.

More Pain Than Ease.

The crowd, which had been kept at such a distance that it saw nothing of the details uttered poorly, and the silence was only broken by the bugles sounding peal in the nearby barracks, and the Angelus bells. The phantom cavalry with sabres hared out as the "mystery man" went his death.

Then the hundred or more newspaper correspondents and the few officials who had witnessed the execution left the scene, while outside the lines of cavalry, many persons were asking "was it all over?"

There seemed to be more pity than bitterness, and never a word of censure against the man who had just paid the penalty for a series of the foulest murders in the criminal history of France.

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### FIRST PICTURES OF WRECK OF THE ROMA

*Charred Bodies of Victims Taken From Airship Ruins*



Rescue parties of soldiers and civilians worked for hours in the debris of the army dirigible Roma, wrecked and ravaged by flames at Norfolk, Va. This photograph, taken shortly after the disaster, shows the search for bodies of victims. In the center rescuer are shown removing the charred body of one of those who lost his life in the air accident.

### Shoe Cobbler Shot; Shop Is Burned

CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA, Feb. 25.—Plumes shooting from the shoe shop of T. Hammans early today brought searchers who found Hammans lying seriously wounded from two bullet wounds in his head. The police had no definite clue as to the attempted assassin.

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### Until 7 o'clock Tonight!

Broad Want Ad columns are at the service of approximately people until the last possible minute of publication day. Wants are things that cannot always be foreseen. They occur quickly and often must be met quickly. The key-note to the success of Household Want Ads is **SELL YOUR OWN**, not to sell YOUR customer.

For example, Sunday Want Ad columns are open until 7 o'clock Saturday night. If you have a last minute want, call 24 hours before the blast that covers the tracks with stone and dirt.

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**TELEPHONE 245**

and ask for a want ad taker.

### Roma's Rudder Left as Grotesque Sign of Disaster



When the great dirigible collapsed at Norfolk, it smashed into a newly charged electric wire, which set fire to the gas in the bag. As the Roma exploded and fell the rudder was left hanging on a telephone pole, a landmark to the thousands crowding to the scene.

### Explorer Out of Amazon Wilds

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—Henry W. Rich, 88 years old, who was forced through disease and the perils of the jungle, completed his tour of the Amazon basin this morning. After 10 days of travel, Rich reached Manaus, Brazil, to resume his life there.

His arrival in Manaus, announced by Columbia news, marked the completion of a 1,400-mile trip from the village of Richland, where he had been staying since his return from the Amazon jungle.

Rich, who had been unable to speak for two years, was silent for two days after his return to Manaus.

John T. Dossing, the British attorney, stated in court that Rich had suffered this long and severe illness.

During his stay in Manaus, Rich had been unable to eat solid food because of his condition.

John Kough, and Joseph Collins, alleged to be the "two men" with whom Richland was said to be associated.

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Mabel Normand is improving

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 25.—Grand improvement of Mabel Normand, film actress, who is suffering from influenza and a nervous breakdown, was predicted early today by her physician.

### Firm So Busy It Did Not Notice Losses of \$1,000,000

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—Remaining members of the West Street supporting firm of Frankel, Berman, Goldfarb and Stern, Inc., have suffered a loss of over \$1,000,000 through the disappearance of the entire sum of their assets.

Each member of the firm is reported to have suffered a loss of over \$100,000.

John H. Berman, attorney for the firm, stated that his law office, located in 265 Madison Avenue, has suffered a loss of over \$500,000.

David Frankel, of Frankel, Berman, Goldfarb and Stern, Inc., stated that his law office has suffered a loss of over \$250,000.

Samuel Goldfarb, attorney for the firm, stated that his law office has suffered a loss of over \$200,000.

Jacob Stern, attorney for the firm, stated that his law office has suffered a loss of over \$150,000.

Lawrence Berman, attorney for the firm, stated that his law office has suffered a loss of over \$100,000.

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